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INTRODUCTION

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I HAVE been asked to write a few words of introduction for this little book which may perhaps be found helpful to some persons whose thoughts naturally, and rightly, in times of prayer, clothe themselves in the language of the Bible. It will be noticed that these devotions are taken entirely from Holy Scripture, without alteration or transposition of the words, the Revised Version, however, having been from time to time preferred; but the Creed, Confession, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei, and Gloria in Excelsis have, for convenience, been inserted in their places.

The shape given to these devotions is, for the most part, that of a series of colloquies between the Divine Master and the soul, while a few passages not so arranged are printed in italics.

Further explanation seems unnecessary, as the headings to the sections and pages sufficiently indicate their purpose. It may, however, be well to remark that the contents, more especially of the longer divisions, are given by way of suggestion, and are not intended to be used in their entirety upon any one occasion.

I venture very heartily to commend this little effort to utilise *inspired* words in devotions before, at, and after Holy Communion to those to whom our Blessed Lord's presence in the Sacrament of the Altar is the strength and joy of the Christian soul. "I am as glad of thy word as one that findeth great spoils."

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THE attention of the Society was called to this book, long out of print, by one who had used it as a devotional manual for more than thirty years and found it incomparably the best for continuous use. Leave to reprint it was obtained from the Sister to whom the copyright belonged. The only changes in the new edition are the omission of a few passages with a view to brevity, and the bringing of the punctuation and use of capitals into line with the usage of the English Bible (or, in the case of the Psalms, the Prayer Book).

The words of the Divine Master are printed in red.

PREPARATION

O GOD, thou art my God: early will I seek thee. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee: in a barren and dry land where no water is. Thus have I looked for thee in holiness: that I might behold thy power and glory....For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: my lips shall praise thee. As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner: and lift up my hands in thy name.

I love them that love me: and those that seek me early shall find me....Seek ye my face.

Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

When wilt thou come unto me? I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.

Set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God...to bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord... into the house that is...built to the name of the Lord.

I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house: nor climb up into my bed...until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord: an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob....Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?...Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!...Master, where dwellest thou?

Psalm LXIII. 1–6; Prov. VIII. 17; Psalm XXVII. 9; Rev. III. 20; Psalm CI. 3; 1 Chron. XXII. 19; Psalm CXXXII. 3, 5; XLII. 1, 2; Job XXIII. 3; John I. 38.

I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth: O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy name....Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee. ...I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land....O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning...let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled....Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty....And every man that hath this hope set on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts...let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.

I the Lord search the heart.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart: prove me, and examine my thoughts....That which I see not teach thou me.

Examine yourselves....If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his....The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance....Follow after charity.... Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things,

Isaiah LVII. 15; Psalm LXXXVI. 11; LXXIII. 24; CXLIII. 6, 8, 10; Matt. V. 6; Isaiah XXXIII. 17; 1 John III. 3; Zech. VIII. 21; Lam. III. 40; Jer. XVII. 10; Psalm CXXXIX. 23; Job XXXIV. 32; 2 Cor. XIII. 5; Rom. VIII. 9; Gal. V. 22, 23; 1 Cor. XIV. 1; XIII. 4–7.

believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Indeed I have sinned...and thus and thus have I done...for the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.... This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise. But thou hast not called upon me... thou hast been weary of me....

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever....Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness....I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

The crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned!

Thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord....Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For thou, Lord, art good and gracious: and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer....Thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy: longsuffering, plenteous in goodness and truth....O hide not thou thy face from me: nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.... Behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.

Joshua VII. 20; Rom. VII. 19; Isaiah XLII. 18; XLIII. 21, 22; LXIV. 9, 5; Luke XV. 18. 19; Gal. IV. 6; Lam. V. 16; Hosea XIII. 9; Psalm LXXXVI. 3–15; XXVII. 10; Isaiah LXIV. 9.

The Lord will not cast off for ever....Whom did he ever despise, that called upon him?

O Lord, Almighty God, whom all men fear, and tremble before thy power...Thy merciful promise is unmeasurable and unsearchable, for thou art the most high Lord, of great compassion, longsuffering, very merciful, and repentest of the evils of men. Thou, O Lord, according to thy great goodness hast promised repentance and forgiveness to them that have sinned against thee: and of thine infinite mercies hast appointed repentance unto sinners, that they may be saved....Thou hast appointed repentance unto me that am a sinner: for I have sinned above the number of the sands of the sea....Now therefore I bow the knee of my heart, beseeching thee of grace. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge mine iniquities: wherefore, I humbly beseech thee, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and destroy me not with mine iniquities....For thou art the God, even the God of them that repent; and in me thou wilt shew all thy goodness: for thou wilt save me, that am unworthy, according to thy great mercy. Therefore I will praise thee for ever all the days of my life: for all the powers of the heavens do praise thee, and thine is the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

[Or Psalms LI and CXXX.]

Come now, and let us reason together: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts: shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Lam. III. 31; Ecclus. II. 10; Prayer of Manasses; Isaiah I. 18; Psalm LXXX. 19.

I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with a change of raiment.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness....Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.

Keep yourselves in the love of God.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe....My God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength....From me is thy fruit found.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits; who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities; who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.

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¶ This section, to p. 8, may be omitted, if the Preparation be thought too long

Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast....And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will

Zech. III. 4; Isaiah LXI. 10; Psalm XXXII. 1; Jude 21; Psalm CXIX. 117; LXXXVI. 2; Isaiah XXVI. 4; Hosea XIV. 8; Psalm CIII. 1–4; Isaiah II. 3; XXV. 6–8.

wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.... For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.... In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people....The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early.

The desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory,...and in this place will I give peace....This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing....A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of waters in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land....Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom.

Isaiah XXV. 8–10; Zech. IX. 17; Isaiah XXXIII. 2; XXX. 19; XXVIII. 5; XXIX. 19; XXVI. 9; Haggai II. 7–9; Isaiah XXVIII. 12; XXXII. 2; XL. 10, 11

Keep me as the apple of an eye: hide me under the shadow of thy wings, from the ungodly that trouble me....The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on so fast: for they are minded to do me some mischief; so maliciously are they set against me.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness....For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee....I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer....When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, thy Saviour. ...Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee....I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

I will wait upon the Lord...and I will look for him. ...I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised: so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands.... I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

Thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight....If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known that I and

Psalm XVII. 8, 9; LV. 3; Isaiah XLI. 10, 13, 14; XLIII. 2–4, 25; XLV. 22; VIII. 17; Psalm XVIII. 2; Isaiah XLIX. 16; XLIII. 1; Exodus XXXIII. 12, 13, 15, 16.

thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us?...I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

I will make all my goodness pass before thee...and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come...and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built?

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God?... Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

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Having therefore...boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.

The day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast.

Psalms XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, XCV, XCVI, CI, CXXI, CXXII, CXLIII.

Exodus XXXIII. 16, 18, 19; Mal. III. 1, 3; 2 Chron. VI. 18; 1 Cor. III. 16; Rev. XXI. 3; Heb. X. 19–22; Zeph. I. 7; 1 Cor. V. 7, 8.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OUR FATHER

AT THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do....O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing.

AT THE COMMANDMENTS

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.... Love is the fulfilling of the law.

AT THE PRAYER FOR THE KING

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority.

THE COLLECT

THE EPISTLE

I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren....His letters are weighty and powerful.

Heb. IV. 13; Psalm CXLI. 4; Matt. V. 17; Luke X. 27; Rom. XIII. 10; 1 Tim. II. 1, 2; 1 Thess. V. 27; 2 Cor. X. 10.

THE GOSPEL

Lo, we turn to the Gentiles....How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation!

THE CREED

Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

[I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.]

Acts XIII. 46; Isaiah LII. 7; 2 Tim. I. 13.

THE OFFERTORY

All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee...neither will I offer unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing.

AT THE OBLATION OF THE ELEMENTS

Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God....After the similitude of Melchizedek there ariseth another priest, who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled....From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving.... Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.... Remember thy children that sleep.

THE SHORT EXHORTATION

Come; for all things are now ready.

1 Chron. XXIX. 14; 2 Sam. XXIV. 24; Gen. XIV. 18; Heb. VII. 15, 16; Prov. IX. 5; Mal. I. 11; Psalm CXVI. 15; LXXXIV. 9; Eph. V. 25–27; 2 Esdras II. 31; Luke XIV. 17.

THE CONFESSION

[Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee only have I sinned.

THE ABSOLUTION

Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

I will; be thou clean....Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you....Continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Psalm LI. 3, 4; Matt. VIII. 2, 3; John XV. 3, 9, 10; Isaiah XL. 1.

SURSUM CORDA

Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.

[*Priest*. Lift up your hearts;

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.]

SANCTUS

[Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

BENEDICTUS

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.]

Praise the Lord, ye servants: O praise the name of the Lord.

I will praise the name of God with a song: and magnify it with thanksgiving.

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee...but my trust is in thy mercy.

Lam. III. 41; Psalm CXIII. 1; LXIX. 31; Rev. V. 13; Luke VII. 7; Psalm XIII. 5.

BEFORE THE CONSECRATION

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness....The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble: the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; send thee help from the sanctuary: and strengthen thee out of Sion; remember all thy offerings: and accept thy burnt-sacrifice; grant thee thy heart's desire: and fulfil all thy mind.

O Lord, Lord God, Creator of all things...receive the sacrifice for thy whole people, and preserve thine own portion, and sanctify it. Gather those together that are scattered from us, deliver them that serve among the heathen...plant thy people again in thy holy place....Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man.

Where is the word of the Lord? let it come now.... We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: and his word runneth very swiftly. Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit.

O send out thy light and thy truth.

When he, the Spirit of truth, is come...he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.... Prepare to meet thy God....Behold, he cometh.

Psalm CXXXII. 9; XX. 1–4; 2 Macc. I. 24–29; Eph. IV. 13; Isaiah XLII. 13; Jer. XVII. 15; Psalm XLVIII. 8; CXLVII. 15; Zech. IV. 6; Psalm XLIII. 3; John XVI. 13, 15; Gen. I. 2, 3; Amos IV. 12; Rev. I. 7.

THE CONSECRATION

AGNUS DEI

[O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.]

My Lord and my God!...Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God...Holy, holy, holy...King of kings, and Lord of lords...Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty...Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth...the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee.

Ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, which speaketh better things than that of Abel.

John XX. 28; Matt. XVI. 16; Isaiah VI. 3; Rev. XIX. 16; I. 8; I. 5; 1 Tim. VI. 15,1 6; Rev. XIII. 8; XV. 3, 4; Heb. XII. 22–24.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

And all the angels stood round about the throne,...and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Surely the Lord is in this place....Who art thou, Lord?

I AM THAT I AM....Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker....Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.... Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts....And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death....Because I live, ye shall live also...for I lift up mine hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

This is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life;...and this life is in his Son....Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself

Rev. v. 12; vii. 11, 12; Gen. xxviii. 16; Acts ix. 5; Exodus iii. 14; iii. 5; Psalm xcv. 6; Isaiah vi. 3, 5; Rev. xix. 13; i. 17, 18; John xiv. 19; Deut. xxxii. 40; 1 John ii. 25; v. 11; Rev. xix. 6, 7.

ready....Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb....O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is.

This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Lord, evermore give us this bread.

(Intercessions, and Devotions for those who do not communicate, pp. 31–36.)

BEFORE COMMUNION

BEHOLD the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Who is this that cometh?

I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.... Come unto me: yea, come.

Lord, I am not worthy.

I have sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

O Lord, our sins testify against us!

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins.

The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

I am the Lord that healeth thee....Take hold of my strength.

Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee.

Come!...I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.

Rev. xix. 9; Psalm xxxiv. 8; John vi. 50, 34; i. 29; Isaiah lxiii. 1; lv. 3, 1; Matt. viii. 8; Isaiah liv. 9; lix. 12; xliv. 22; i. 5; Exodus xv. 26; Isaiah xxvii. 5; Matt. xiv. 28, 29; Jer. xxxi. 3.

It is the Lord!...Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid,...in the Lord have I righteousness and strength....Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request?...Ask, I will not say thee nay.

The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh. Let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely... the companions hearken to thy voice: cause me to hear it.

AT THE ALTAR

Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled.

Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits...all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse.

My beloved is mine, and I am his....I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me....Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair...how fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!... My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.

AFTER COMMUNION

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is

John XXI. 7; Isaiah XII. 2; XLV. 24; Heb. IV. 16; Cant. II. 10, 8, 14; VIII. 13; V. 2; IV. 16; VII. 13; V. 1; II. 16; VII. 10; I. 15; VII. 6; V. 10; VIII. 6.

cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

We will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love.

Such as be faithful in love shall abide with him.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed.... I am as glad of thy word: as one that findeth great spoils.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant....I will not forget thy word...make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire.

I am alway by thee: for thou hast holden me by my right hand....Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.

This shall be my rest for ever: here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein....For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?... If God be for us, who can be against us?

The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him....I will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

Happy are the people that are in such a case: yea, blessed are the people who have the Lord for their

Cant. I. 4; Wisd. III. 9; Psalm LVII. 8; CXIX. 162; John XV. 4; Psalm CXVI. 14; CXIX. 16, 35; LXXIII. 22; Jer. XIV. 9; Psalm CXXXII. 15; 2 Chron. VII. 16; Romans VIII. 35, 31; Deut. XXXIII. 12; Zech. II. 5; Psalm CXLIV. 15.

God....I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...for with thee is the well of life.

Hearken unto me, ye that follow after righteousness.

Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving....Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold,...but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you....Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, a heart of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.... Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: and to be

Gal. II. 20; Psalm XXXVI. 9; Isaiah LI. 1; 1 Samuel III. 9; Col. II. 6, 7; 1 Peter I. 18, 19; Psalm CXIX. 10; John XV. 12; Col. III. 12–17; 2 Cor. IX. 15; Song of the Three Children, 29.

praised and exalted above all for ever. And blessed is thy glorious and holy name: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever. Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holy glory: and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

Serve the Lord in fear: and rejoice unto him with reverence.

Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire.

The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy....For this is the will of God, even your sanctification....Therefore be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

We will not sin, knowing that we are counted thine ...for we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end.... By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually.

Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves....Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called...holding forth the word of life.

Song of the Three Children, 29–31; Psalm II. 11; Heb. XII. 28, 29; IV. 12; Psalm XIX. 12; 1 Peter I. 15, 16; 1 Thess. IV. 3; 1 Cor. XV. 58; Wisd. XV. 2; Heb. III. 14; XIII. 15; James I. 22; Eph. IV. 1; Phil. II. 16.

I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed: to keep thy righteous judgements.

To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

O Lord, thou that dwellest in everlastingness... whose throne is inestimable; whose glory may not be comprehended; before whom the hosts of angels stand with trembling...O hear the prayer of thy servant!

What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?

My soul melteth away for very heaviness: comfort thou me according unto thy word.

My son, if thou come to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation.

The enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead. Therefore is my spirit vexed within me: and my heart within me is desolate.

Hear, O ye my beloved: behold, the days of trouble are at hand, but I will deliver you from the same. Be ye not afraid, neither doubt; for God is your guide... Let not your sins weigh you down, and let not your iniquities lift up themselves...for mine angel is with you, and I myself caring for your souls....Behold the joy that cometh unto thee from God....For, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee.

My God, I have put my trust in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

Psalm CXIX. 106; Rev. II. 7; 2 Esdras VIII. 20, 21, 24; Mark X. 51; Psalm CXIX. 28; Ecclus. II. 1; Psalm CXLIII. 3, 4; 2 Esdras XVI. 74–76; Baruch VI. 7; IV. 36; Zech. II. 10; Psalm XXV. 1.

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye...for even hereunto were ye called....Let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator...then shall they be known, who are my chosen; and they shall be tried as the gold in the fire...Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

Fear thou not, O my servant; neither be dismayed...for I am with thee to save thee...I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction...for gold is tried in the fire, and acceptable men in the furnace of adversity....Ye that fear the Lord, believe him; and your reward shall not fail. Ye that fear the Lord, hope for good, and for everlasting joy and mercy...for the Lord is full of compassion and mercy, longsuffering, and very pitiful, and forgiveth sins, and saveth in time of affliction....For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed....Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I....Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

O how plentiful is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee: and that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee, even before the sons of men! Thou shalt hide them privily by thine own presence from the provoking of all men:

1 Peter IV. 14; II. 21; IV. 19; 2 Esdras XVI. 73; Rev. II. 10; Psalm CXXX. 5; Jer. XXX. 10, 11; Isaiah XLVIII. 10; Ecclus. II. 5, 8, 9, 11; Isaiah LIV. 10; LII. 6; LXII. 3; Psalm XXXI. 21, 22.

thou shalt keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues. Thanks be to the Lord: for he hath shewed me marvellous great kindness in a strong city. And when I made haste, I said: I am cast out of the sight of thine eyes. Nevertheless, thou heardest the voice of my prayer: when I cried unto thee.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another....Behold now, praise the Lord: all ye servants of the Lord; ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord: even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary: and praise the Lord....Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong....Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

OUR FATHER

PRAYER OF OBLATION

Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many....I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Psalm XXXI, 22–25; Isaiah XL. 31; Psalm LXXXIX. 1; CXXXIV. 1–3; Col. I. 12–14; I Cor. XVI. 13; John XIV. 27; Heb. IX. 28; Rom. XII. 1.

I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

[Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.]

We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.... Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

John XII. 32; Psalm CX. 3; Rev. XI. 17; I. 5, 6.

THE BENEDICTION

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

THE LAST GOSPEL

AT THE ABLUTIONS

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life...the priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: in the holy place shall it be eaten...and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared.

THANKSGIVING

Watch and pray....God is in you of a truth...for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people....If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Thou, O Lord of all things, who hast need of nothing, wast pleased that the temple of thine habitation should be among us: therefore now, O holy Lord of all holiness, keep this house ever undefiled, which lately was cleansed...for I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

1 Thess. v. 23, 24; 1 John i. 1; Lev. vi. 26; Neh. viii. 10; Matt. xxvi. 41; 1 Cor. xiv. 25; 2 Cor. vi. 16; 1 Cor. iii. 17; 2 Macc. xiv. 35, 36; Rom. vii. 18.

Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you....God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus...for ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus...and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ...for both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God....God is love.

Lovest thou me?

Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee.

If a man love me, he will keep my words.

I call with my whole heart: hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes. Yea, even unto thee do I call: help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies....Order my steps in thy word: and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God...made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross....Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin...they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the passions and lusts....To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as

Rom. viii. 9; Phil. iv. 19; Gal. iii. 26; Rom. viii. 17; Heb. ii. 11; 1 John iii. 1; iv. 16; John xxi. 17; xiv. 23; Psalm cxix. 145, 146, 133; Phil. ii. 5–8; Rom. vi. 11; Gal. v. 24; 1 Peter ii. 4, 5.

living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God, by Jesus Christ....Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost: O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

You, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled.... Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Give thy strength unto thy servant.

Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ....We are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving...praying always...that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

1 Peter II. 5; Heb. XII. 12; Psalm CXIX. 176; Col. I. 21–23; Eph. VI. 13; Psalm LXXXVI. 16; John XVI. 33; 1 Cor. XV. 57; Rom. VIII. 37–39; Col. IV. 2; Eph. VI. 18; III. 17–19.

Abide with us...in thy presence is the fulness of joy.

From the beginning...my delights were with the sons of men....As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you....Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!...We joy in God through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom we have now received the reconciliation...who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

This is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you...the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. ...Forasmuch as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same... that we might be partakers of his holiness...partakers of the divine nature....In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

He that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things. ...Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Lord is a God of judgement: blessed are all they that wait for him.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord: for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

Luke XXIV. 29; Psalm XVI. 12; 1 John I. 1; Prov. VIII. 31; John XV. 9, 13; Rom. XI. 33; V. 11; 1 Cor. I. 30; 1 Peter I. 25, 23; John I. 14; Heb. II. 14; XII. 10; 2 Peter I. 4; 1 John IV. 9; John VI. 57; Isaiah XXV. 1, 9; XXX. 18; Psalm CXVI. 11.

My son, give me thine heart.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength...give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: and keep the door of my lips....O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing....So will I alway sing praise unto thy name: that I may daily perform my vows....Thy words have I hid within my heart: that I should not sin against thee.

Be watchful...hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Psalms XXXIV, XLVI, LXVII, LXXIII, LXXXV, XCI, XCII, XCVII, CXI, CXIII, CXVII, CXVIII, CXXV, CXLV, CXLVI, CXLVII, CXLVIII, CXLIX, CL.

Prov. XXIII. 26; Psalm XVIII. 1; CXIX. 34; Micah VI. 8; Psalm CXLI. 3, 4; LXI. 8; CXIX. 11; Rev. III. 2, 11.

INTERCESSIONS

CHRIST is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them....That they all may be one.

We being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee....Ye that are the Lord's remembrancers, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance.
(*Whole Psalm.*)

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel.
(*Whole Psalm.*)

Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive: and received gifts for men: yea, even for thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Remember them which have the rule over you.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness.

Ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God:...I the Lord will direct their work in truth, and I will make an ever-

Heb. IX. 24; VII. 25; John XVII. 21; 1 Cor. X. 17; Psalm CXXII. 6; Isaiah LXII. 6, 7; Psalm LXXIX; LXXX; LXVIII. 18; Heb. XIII. 7; Psalm CXXXII. 9; Isaiah LXI. 6, 8.

lasting covenant with them....This is my covenant with them....My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth,...from henceforth and for ever.... Thy people shall be all righteous:...that I may be glorified.

For kings, and for all that are in authority....The Lord hath set a king over you....For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son. Then shall he judge thy people according unto right: and defend the poor....God save the king!

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body....Whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it....Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy hath rebuked: and how the foolish people hath blasphemed thy name. O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the enemies: and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever. Look upon the covenant: for all the earth is full of darkness, and cruel habitations. O let not the simple go away ashamed: but let the poor and needy give thanks unto thy name. ...Defend the poor and fatherless: see that such as are in need and necessity have right. Deliver the out-cast

Isaiah LXI. 8; LIX. 21; LX. 21; 1 Tim. II. 2; 1 Sam. XII. 13; Rom. XIII. 1; Psalm LXXII. 1, 2; 1 Sam. X. 24; Heb. XIII. 3; 1 Cor. XII. 26; Lam. II. 19; Psalm LXXIV. 19–22; LXXXII. 3, 4.

and poor: save them from the hand of the ungodly.... For they are thine, O Lord, thou lover of souls.

I have surely seen the affliction of my people...and have heard their cry...for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them.

And now, O God...let thy word, I pray thee, be verified....Have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day: that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive....When thy people...be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee ...then hear thou in heaven, and forgive....When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin,...then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants....If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence...whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be; what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people...which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest;

Wisd. XI. 26; Exodus III. 7, 8; 1 Kings VIII. 26–39.

(for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men.)

O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do...for thine own sake, O my God.

FOR THE DEPARTED

Mindful of the resurrection...he made a reconciliation for the dead, that they might be delivered from sin.... But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept....For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; and, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself...whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven....For all live unto him.

By the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water...that thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves.

The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Hear my crying, O God: give ear unto my prayer. From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee: when my heart is in heaviness. O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I: for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy....O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God

1 Kings VIII. 39; Daniel IX. 19; 2 Macc. XII. 43, 45; 1 Cor. XV. 20; Col. I. 19, 20; Luke XX. 38; Zech. IX. 11; Isaiah XLIX. 9; 2 Tim. I. 18; Psalm LXI. 1–3; XLIII. 3, 4.

of my joy and gladness....O visit me with thy salvation; that I may see the felicity of thy chosen: and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance....My soul truly waiteth still upon God: for of him cometh my salvation.

I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground....If any man thirst, let him come unto me...and the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

He satisfieth the empty soul.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord...make no long tarrying, O my God.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him.

The desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee....Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you....Behold, I come quickly....My righteousness is near....I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand.

I will magnify thee, O God, my King: and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I give thanks unto thee: and praise thy name for ever and ever....The Lord looseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to the blind....He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Psalm CVI. 4, 5; LXII. 1; Isaiah XLIV. 3; John VII. 37; Isaiah XXXV. 7; Psalm CXXX. 5; CVII. 9; CXLV. 15; XL. 21; CXLV. 18, 19; Isaiah XXVI. 8; Psalm LXXXV. 6; Isaiah LXVI. 13; Rev. III. 11; Isaiah LI. 5, 16; Psalm CXLV. 1, 2; CXLVI. 7; Cant. II. 4.

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste....Praised be God who hath not cast out my prayer : nor turned his mercy from me....O go not from me....Continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee....Be thou my strong hold, whereunto I may alway resort.

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever : and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings....Thanks be to God....I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God: and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

Go in this thy might...have not I sent thee?

The Psalms on page 30 may be used also here.

Cant. II. 3; Psalm LXVI. 18; XXII. 11; XXXVI. 10; LXXI. 2; XCI. 1; LXI. 4; 1 Cor. XV. 57; Psalm LXXI. 14; Judges VI. 14.

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